

man, he should be concerned about the laws that govern man." Dr. Maxwell was an effective and hard-working legislator and a strong voice for the downtrodden. When I first became involved in community activities and politics in my hometown of Newport News, I was following in Dr. Maxwell's footsteps. Dr. Maxwell was serving as President of the Newport News branch of the NAACP when I came back to Newport News after finishing law school, and I was honored to step into his shoes in 1975 as President of the branch. Dr. Maxwell ran for Newport News City Council in 1976. Although his campaign was unsuccessful, the work of his campaign served as a foundation for my successful run for the Virginia House of Delegates in 1977. During my tenure in the Virginia House of Delegates, Dr. Maxwell was a trusted advisor and friend. When I was elected to the State Senate in 1983, Dr. Maxwell was elected to my House of Delegates seat. We served as colleagues in the Virginia General Assembly, until I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992. Following my election, Dr. Maxwell was successfully elected to the State Senate.

Dr. Maxwell's tenure in the Virginia General Assembly as both a member of the House of Delegates and the State Senate, was characterized by a deep tie to the needs of his community. He was critical in obtaining state funds to restore the historic Newsome House and support its use as a community cultural center. He was an advocate for the continued operation of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. He was also instrumental in ensuring that judges in Virginia properly reflected the community they served. In addition to his formal duties as a member of the House of Delegates and a State Senator, Dr. Maxwell was engaged in many civic organizations. He was a Life Member of the NAACP, member of the board of trustees of the Peninsula Economic Development Council, the United Way of the Peninsula, and the Newport News Alliance for Youth.

Madam Speaker, the city of Newport News has lost a great public servant and I have lost a dear friend. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to Dr. Maxwell's wife of 53 years, Gladys, their children Walter, Ronald, and Angela, great-grandchildren, sisters Pauline, Salie, Shirley and Gwendolyn, brothers Wesley and Thomas, nieces, nephews, other family and friends and the Ivy Baptist Church community.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAM WAR
VETERANS FROM THE OAK
CLIFF LIONS CLUB

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Vietnam War Veterans of the Oak Cliff Lions Club. It is my great privilege and pleasure to honor these individuals.

On November 3, 2010, the Oak Cliff Lions Club paid special tribute to its members that served in the Vietnam War. This group of distinct individuals includes Captain Stan Altschuler, USA; Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Bown, USN; Airman First Class Danny Boyce, USAF; Colonel Rich Buickerood,

USAF, Ret.; Major Durhl Caussey, USA, Ret.; 1st Lieutenant Scott Chase, USA; Colonel Ken Cordier, USAF, Ret.; Lt. Colonel Stoney Green, USA; Captain Ray Morey, USAF; 1st Lieutenant Edwin Strom, USA; Sgt. Joe Wells, USAF; Captain David Mills, USA, USAF; and Spec. 4 Jim Foster, USA.

These veterans deserve our deepest gratitude for their great sacrifice made in defense of liberty, freedom, and democracy. No words can ever fully express our gratitude for all they have done for our country. Their patriotism, courage, and selflessness is commendable and deserves our highest regard.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude for their service to this great Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HORACE
WELLS CLUB OF CONNECTICUT

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Horace Wells Club of Connecticut. For over 100 years, this organization has been dedicated to promoting the field of anesthesiology. This remarkable breakthrough in the field of medicine and dentistry has dramatically improved the comfort of patients during surgery and transformed once painful experiences into routine procedures.

The Horace Wells Club of Connecticut was founded in 1894 by a group of dedicated dentists on the 50th anniversary of the discovery of anesthesia. Since then, they have held an annual dinner and given out the Horace Wells Anesthesia Award to an individual who has contributed to the advancement of the field of anesthesiology. The event has been held at the historic Harford Club for the last 75 years. This year's event will be held on December 11th, exactly 166 years to the date of anesthesia's discovery.

The Horace Wells Club of Connecticut is named after the Hartford dentist who discovered that nitrous oxide could be used as anesthesia. Horace Wells pioneered this medical advancement by first experimenting on himself during a tooth extraction. After his own successful use of anesthesia, he worked tirelessly to spread and advance this technology to improve the lives of people everywhere. He is famously quoted as wanting to see anesthesia become "as free as the air we breathe." Horace Wells has been recognized multiple times by the American Dental Association and the American Medical Association. Additionally, the State of Connecticut and the City of Hartford commissioned a bronze statue in 1874, which sits at Bushnell Park in Hartford, CT to this day.

Anesthesia's abundant availability has contributed greatly to the relief of pain and suffering and Horace Wells was instrumental in this important medical breakthrough. I commend the Horace Wells Club of Connecticut for honoring his contribution to medicine and wish that they have a successful gala on December 11th.

HONORING SCOTT DAVIS
GEISINGER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Scott Davis Geisinger. Scott is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Scott has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Scott has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Scott has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Scott Davis Geisinger for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PROTECTING HOMEOWNERS AND
FORECLOSURE STABILIZATION
ACT OF 2010

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, in the midst of this recession, the American people face impossible job prospects, decreased wages, and the continuing decline in the value of their homes. Reports show that 23 percent of all residential properties are underwater and the foreclosure rates are only rising. Underwater homeowners are often ineligible for refinancing, and are kept from restructuring the mortgage debt on their primary home in bankruptcy. With banks being largely ineffective in modifying loans, homeowners are left with little choice but foreclosure. The American people deserve better, and fixing this problem will help the economy and American families.

The "Protecting Homeowners and Foreclosure Stabilization act of 2010" will give homeowners the ability to restructure the debt on their primary residence in bankruptcy. Furthermore, homeowners will receive increased protection from foreclosure by the automatic stay in bankruptcy, and increased time to file a plan in Chapter 13. Homeowners facing foreclosure have the additional benefit of waiver of the pre-filing counseling requirement to ensure minimal delay in accessing the court. As a condition of filing, homeowners must certify that they requested a loan modification from their bank.

The ability to restructure the debt of all assets in bankruptcy has long been enjoyed by businesses. There is no reason that the American people should receive fewer protections than businesses do in bankruptcy. The "Protecting Homeowners and Foreclosure Stabilization act of 2010" will help put American homeowners on equal footing with the banks when working to save their homes.